

Remarks

The Applicants enclose a substitute Specification (marked-up) as well as a clean substitute Specification in accordance with the Examiner's request. No new matter has been added. Entry of the substitute Specification into the official file is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-27 and 28-29, 31-32, 37-39, 41-42, 44-50, 52 and 54-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the combination of Ullmann's with Schmidt and Horie. The Applicants have amended Claims 26 and 27 to include the subject matter of Claim 43. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the combination is inapplicable to the newly amended Claims 26 and 27, together with all the claims that depend therefrom. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-27 and 28-29, 31-32, 37, 39, 41-42, 44-50 and 54 stand rejected over the hypothetical combination of Ullmann's with Schmidt and Konagaya. The Applicants have added the subject matter of Claim 43 to independent Claims 26 and 27. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the rejection is inapplicable to amended Claims 26 and 27 and all claims depending therefrom. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 35, 40 and 44 stand rejected over the hypothetical combination of Tsunekawa with Ullmann's, Schmidt and Konagaya. The Applicants have already established the inapplicability of Ullmann's, Schmidt and Konagaya to independent Claims 26 and 27 as amended. Further hypothetically combining Tsunekawa with the primary and secondary references does nothing to cure that deficiency. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-27 and 28-29, 31-33, 37, 39-42, 44-51 and 54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the hypothetical combination of Ullmann's with Schmidt and Tsukamoto. The

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is inapplicable to amended Claims 26 and 27 in view of the inclusion of the subject matter of Claim 43 into those claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claim 53 and the allowability of Claim 43. As noted above, the subject matter of Claim 43 has been added to independent Claims 26 and 27. Claim 43 has been cancelled.

Also, Claims 51, 52, 54 and 55 have been cancelled.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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